

MAJOR PARRY.

Major Edward Randolph Parry, U. S. Army, the fourth child of Oliver Parry and Rachel Randolph, his wife, was born at Philadelphia, July 27th, 1832, and married December 17th, 1863, Frances E., daughter of General Justin Dimick, U. S. A., having issue, three children.

1. Mary Waldron Parry, born December 24th, 1864, at Washington, D. C., and died July 13th, 1865, at Camp Grant, Richmond, Va.

2. Rachel Randolph Parry, born at Shreveport, Louisiana, April 18th, 1867, and died at Fort Monroe, Va., December 17th, 1876.

3. Catharine Dimick Parry, born at Philadelphia, July 6th, 1870, still living, 1877.

Major Parry entered the U. S. Army in 1861, and served through the civil war, from the beginning to the end, receiving a brevet from Congress, for "gallant and meritorious services." He resigned in 1871, and died April 13th, 1874, at "the Old Parry Mansion," New Hope, Pennsylvania, of disease contracted in the service. Though Major Parry did not fall in battle, he was as truly a victim of the rebellion as though he had poured out his blood upon the battle field. He sacrificed his life for his country. Among the many curious incidents of the war was the circumstance of Major Parry's dining at the table of his uncle, Richard Randolph, Esq., in Philadelphia, a few months before the breaking out of the rebellion, with the rebel Generals Tilghman and Magruder, (both then officers in the U. S. Army,) and subsequently having the former general in his custody, as a prisoner of war, at Fort Warren. The rebel General Buckner was also captured, and in Major Parry's charge at Fort Warren. After the termination of the struggle, General Buckner meeting Major Parry and his family, in New Orleans, treated them with great civility and kindness. A man of singularly amiable disposition, Major Parry possessed the faculty of attaching to himself most persons with whom he came in contact, an exemplification of which was that, in after years, when meeting many persons who had been in his military custody as prisoners of war, they

* "brother" on p. 21.